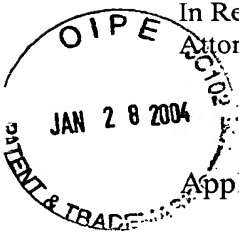


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Application No. : 10/041,115  
Applicants : Junichi KATSUKI, et al.  
Filed : January 8, 2002  
Title : AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL LESS SUSCEPTIBLE  
TO CRACKING DURING FORMING AND A  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF  
Group Art Unit : 1742  
Confirmation No. : 4472  
Examiner : Deborah Yee

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on September 26, 2003, and the period set for response was three months, bringing the response to be due on December 26, 2003. Therefore, a one-month extension of time will bring the response due on January 26, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. A response to the outstanding Office Action is filed concurrently herewith.

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The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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